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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station, 2nd Floor
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Re: Docket D.T.E. 01-20 – Withdrawal of Appeal

Dear Ms. Cottrell:

By e-mail notice this morning, the Hearing Officer announced that the Department will be opening a new docket to investigate the alternative hot cut process and pricing proposed by Verizon, and that as a result this alternative will not be addressed at the technical sessions taking place in this docket tomorrow and Thursday.

This notice that the Department will open a separate docket and investigation addresses the substance of “AT&T’s Appeal of Ruling on Scope of Compliance Phase, With Respect to the Need for Investigation and Review of Verizon’s Brand-New Alternative Hot Cut Proposal” (filed on March 3, 2003), and in essence grants the relief sought in AT&T’s appeal. Thus, there appears to be no further need for the Department formally to decide AT&T’s appeal.

We therefore withdraw AT&T’s appeal of the previous Ruling on Scope of Compliance Phase.

Very truly yours,

Kenneth W. Salinger

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